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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

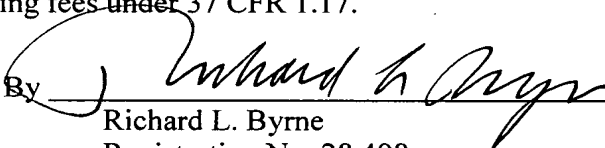
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